



# HAMSPLATTER

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## CLIFF HANGERS



Volume I

Spring is here, the yard needs mowing, the garage needs painting, the gutters need cleaning, the lawn tractor won't start, my son needs to be moved back from college, this months board meeting is a week early, the spring banquet is 8 days away. Hold it! Hold it! Hold it!! Pass me that large box of Calgon and a Long Island Ice Tea. Second thought, make it a tall one. What I just described is enough to make a mini series for ATV that could run six weeks. I wonder if those people at Dayton realize what kind of problems they caused by changing the date of the Hamfest?

I hope you've been saving up a good appetite. The FWRC Spring Banquet is just about here. This is one of the nicer things about spring because it brings about food and plenty of it. This year won't be any different. The FWRC is not short handed when it comes to good cooks. This years buffet will provide plenty for all. The club will be furnishing the main courses of chicken and meatballs. Drinks, tableware, etc. will be provided. We do ask that you bring along a covered dish of your choice. You put it all together and you got a real feast. This years banquet will host two guest speakers. Two ladies. Jennifer Trich and Nancy Roger of WGL's "Talk Radio". If you've never heard of these gals your in for a real treat. Remember MAY 10, 6:30 mark it on your calendar. Don't miss out on one of the clubs best smelling events!

I've already started getting the supplies ready for the first FWRC "Mother of all Hamfests Bus Trip". The bus will be stocked with hot coffee, plenty of fresh donuts, orange juice and cold pop. There will also be plenty of RF and BS floating on board.(please hold your comments). A box of toothpicks will be available for those who will need to prop their eyelids open. We only have one seat left, but the view from in that little room probably won't be the best. The bus is loaded! We even have a VCR on board! Do you know what this means? It means that you might see some rare footage of KR9V doing his debut of Paul McCarthy.(he will probably kill me!)

The May meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club is the second Friday, May 10, 1996 at the Salem Church of Christ on Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, 6:30 pm.  
**(SPRING BANQUET)**

Also ATV's Larry Wing interviews the Honorable Judge Lance Eat-Toe. And on the way home after stuffing yourself at Daytons Country Buffet you will have a rare opportunity to view a pre-taped interview of Howard Stern done "Live" on the Larry Wing Show and seen only by a captive audience on Fort Wayne's W9TEATV. The BUS LEAVES AT 4:00 AM. Plan to get there early.



Pitch those tents. Run those cables.

Raise those towers. Get that campfire burnin'. Field Day is just around the corner. That means if you missed all of the other chances to "pig out" you've still got time. Once again by popular demand we will be going "hog wild!" That's right, I can smell that hog cooking now. And you must admit that last years hog was out of this world. What more can I say. A Spring and Summer of fun with the Fort Wayne Radio Club.

I'll see you at the Spring Banquet. And remember, don't make the same mistake you made last year and let me get ahead of you in line.

73' "Saloon for Now"

Cliffie N9MKB

**April  
1996  
Minutes**



*The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:*

The April meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Salem Church of Christ on 19 April, 1996, Cliff Shreve presiding. There were about 40 people present, and the meeting started about 19:50 hours. The March meeting minutes were read and there was one correction. Carl Rittenhouse gave the Treasurer's report as follows. As of April 19, 1996 the General account had a balance of \$6505.11 (including \$743.50 in the Ladies account). The Hamfest account had a balance of \$600.76, while the Repeater account had a balance of \$2354.44.

Cliff reported that the Dayton Hamfest bus was sold out. All 47 seats are

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## April Minutes (cont)

spoken for. It will depart from the Magnavox Technical Center parking lot around 04:00 on 18 May. Cliff has arranged for coffee, juice, donuts and soda on-board, and there will be Hamfest tickets available to avoid the wait at the front gate. Next year, Cliff intends to arrange for the 56 passenger bus.

Cliff noted that the Spring Banquet is on as scheduled May 10th. Jean Anderson is coordinating the food; the FWRC will provide chicken, meatballs, drinks and the table service. Jean asks that members bring a covered dish to the banquet, and their appetite. Field Day will occur the 3rd weekend in June. Cliff announced that because the usual Field Day mavens are going to be out of town that weekend, and thus not able to attend, the FWRC Field Day will be real laid-back this year. There will not be the contest focus, so come on out, do a little operating in a relaxed atmosphere, kick-back, and relax. A committee has been formed to attend to technical and operational details of the '94 (Murphy) repeater. The committee is headed by Todd Hargis and will determine if it might be possible to relocate the machine within the Parkview complex as it's present location is very harsh. In addition, the committee will look at various ways to use the machine that maximize its usefulness to the greater Ft. Wayne ham community.

ATV activity is exploding. The system typically operates 2 to 6 hours continuously every evening. This level of activity has taken its toll on the PA; Jim Pliett and Carl Rittenhouse have been practically living at the site performing maintenance. Consequently Cliff proposed that the club consider replacing the existing (vacuum tube) PA with a solid state unit that would essentially eliminate the reliability issue. Jim estimates that it should be possible to pick up a solid state PA in the 80 watt average power range for about \$1200 or less. After a lot of discussion, a motion to appropriate a maximum of \$1200.00 towards procurement of a new PA was placed on the floor, seconded and voted on. The vote to appropriate the \$1200 was in the affirmative. Cliff suggested that the club invest in an ATV 910 MHZ downconverter and antenna that could be used as a loaner to members who are interested in determining if they can pick up

the ATV signal. The converter and antenna would be loaned-out for a maximum of 30 days. After some discussion, a motion was put on the floor to appropriate \$65.00 from the General fund to procure both items. The motion was subsequently voted on and approved.

Cliff noted that the current club membership is up to 215 members; we are a pretty big club! Club rosters were made available for any members desiring one. Cliff and Walt Wood will be the wily objects of the next Foxhunt. It will occur on 6 May starting at 18:30 hours from the Allen County Fairgrounds. Following the business meeting, Cliff turned the floor over to Ft. Wayne Air Traffic Control Supervisor Kevin Fry and one of his controllers, Eric Hitchcock. These gentlemen provided us with a fascinating look into the world of the air traffic controller, from average day, to occasional panic. The meeting concluded at 21:40 hours.

*Respectively submitted,*

*Al Burke, WB9SSE*

## Old Tyme Chatter

-Ted Clifton, W9TC

If your plans are for searching for a new QTH to plant your antenna, you should also look for the best school for your children. Another factor has been introduced by our wise school leaders who have passed a ruling which establishes class-based basketball tourneys in Indiana. Now you must chose a school that is in Class A. Otherwise, your child will be in the slow lane of sports and never have the chance of being the best.

Yes, the leaders are still working on our history books. The latest being introduced will no longer have the Wright Brothers as the first to fly. They have found the Egyptians during Cleopatra's reign used gliders for transportation (possibly they used camels for their towing).

Last week a few of the OT's attempted to remember the call letters of the first Fort Wayne Broadcasting Station. It was my belief that the station was located on the west side of South Calhoun St. (I first arrived in 1929). Another OT said no, there was a little five watter in a house on the west side of South Wayne by Beechwood Circle. He said he knew the

house, but would need a few days to remember the name. (W9JFT help us).

I do remember about the one on South Calhoun having an operator possibly with the name Watson. He was a Radio Amateur and also owned the tubes used in the final. Upon closing down the station at night he would remove the finals and conceal them. Several times the time on of the station was delayed, due to Watson over-sleeping and being unable to remember where he had placed the tubes.

You remember the cat who was a member of the FWRC. I can now tell you that the first name was Tika. KA9ULN. Vince lost his 100 footer with the March winds and ice. Send a QSL get well to Gene Madison or call 747-9523. Gene is now back home from a major overhaul at Lutheran. Can you remember "The Lone Ranger" and the "Green Hornet on the Radio" during the thirties? I remember the great sounds of real music. "William Tell Overture," and "The Flight of the Bumble Bee."

K9UWA, John is selling some of his old time broadcast radios. Give him a call if you are a collector and be sure to mention your call as he will give you a better price.

Joseph H. Vielkind, K9KUQ who retired in 1978 as a supervising engineer of 40 years at GTE, WWII Air force. Joe is now a SK.

Today's lesson. These enthusiasts read with avid interest of Marconi's early experiments. They thirsted for details of his methods, so they might duplicate his feats. The articles in the scientific magazines were barren of constructional information, but finally, in July 1899, the American Electrician carried the first answer to their prayers -- The first actual constructional information on wireless -- and it was hailed as a great find by the amateurs everywhere.

In his early stage of the radio art, when even the most advanced professional aspects were so pitifully ineffective, it is difficult to credit the proficiency of the amateurs -- and there were more than one or two -- who pioneered the art at the turn of the century. They not only built equipment but they actually succeeded in communicating with it over short distances. There is no possible source of information as to the exact numbers of amateurs in those days, but some idea can be gathered from the fact that one amateur of that time,

## OTC - continued

Donald McNico; built apparatus in Minneapolis and St. Paul in 1900, and lectured with it through the West and Middle West. They even had a manufacturer cater to their needs; in 1900 Thomas E. Clark, later to become one of the best-known amateur suppliers and builder of a large continental wireless telegraph system, began the manufacture of wireless apparatus and issued the first wireless catalog. It showed, among other things, a coherer-decoherer that was quite advanced for the time.

In 1901 there came to pass the incident that really brought about the widespread development of amateur radio -- and of all other branches of radio, for that matter. On December 6th, Marconi arrived in Europe and at St. John's Newfoundland, with two assistants, and proceeded to erect the most advanced wireless receiving station of the time in the old Barracks of Signal Hill, at the mouth of the harbor. On December he sent up a huge hexagonal kite of bamboo and silk, nine feet long. The wind snapped trailing wire, and the kite drifted out to sea. The next attempt was a 14-foot hydrogen balloon; this, too, broke away and floated off into the fog. Finally, on December 12th, a kite was successfully sent aloft to four hundred feet and held. Marconi cabled his station at Poldhu, Cornwall, on the southwest tip of England, to begin transmitting. With one assistant present he started listening for the signal -- the pre-arranged code letter "S". The transmissions were to begin at 11:20 a.m. Just before noon-time, Marconi heard a repeated trio of buzzes in the head telephones ... three dits ... the letter "S"! His assistant verified the reception. Again, twice in the early afternoon, the signal was heard.

Two days later Marconi released the results of the tests to the press. Two thousand miles of space had been bridged -- without wires. The press of the world went mad -- pages were filled with jubilation, disbelief, and triumph. "Wireless" was on everyone's tongue. But most of all it filled the hearts and minds of the hordes of electrical experimenters and other kindred souls throughout this and other countries, and

by the hundreds they turned from their backyard telegraph systems, their electric motors and their wet cells, and all their other hobbies -- a bunch of tousled, patient, eager-eyed enthusiasts filled with an insatiable curiosity and undaunted by a thousand failures -- and, perceiving that here was something a hundredfold more engrossing than all else they plunged into wireless.

## ATV GUIDE

An interview you don't want to miss!! Wednesday Night! Grab the greasiest bag of popcorn you can find, and get ready for the great forehead himself "LARRY WING". Larry's special guest will be HOWEIRD SPERM. Howeird is just recently back from a book signing engagement in New York City. Don't miss the show that stands for honesty and integrity. The "Larry Wing Interviews", Wednesday nights at 9:00pm. ....

ALSO!!!! Do you realize that one of our own members family has just opened up an Ice Cream shop ?? Don't Miss "THE SCOOP" to be shown on W9TE/ATV Thursday Night May 16. This colorful video was taken at the Grand Opening!!...Tune in 9:00pm.....

UP AND COMING SOON ON W9TE/ATV....The "Larry Wing" interview with Japanese Kami-Kaze pilot "Wing-Tip-Shoe" famous Japanese pilot. Wing Tip have famous photo of Jap airplane. Wing-Tip fly plane very fast. Watch the Wing-Tip fly on the UP AND COMING "LARRY WING" interviews.....

ALSO!!! Do you want to see some real foxhunters in action ?? We'll you're going to!! A special "FOXHUNT" video is in the making !!....Grab your rabbitt !! It's all on W9TE/ATV

# FIELDDAY HOG ROAST

**PLACE: PAYTON PARK**

**DATE: SATURDAY JUNE 22**

**TIME: 6:00 PM**

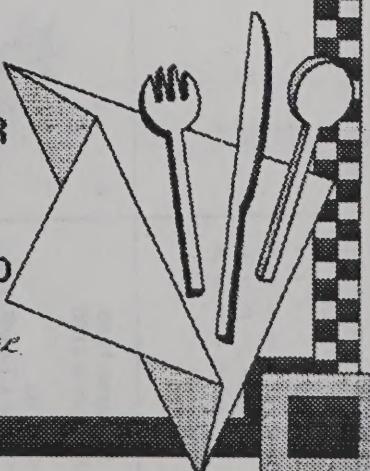
**BUFFET DINNER**

**COST:**

**ADULTS: \$4.00**

**CHILDREN: \$3.00**

*There will be Campfire  
& Bingo again this year.*





# 1995 - Communications Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
April 1995			June 1996	1	3	4 Hunt ARES 20:00
1 2 3 4 5 6			2 3 4 5 6 7	Whitley ARES 19:15		CT, MA, TX QSO Parties >
7 8 9 10 11 12 13			8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	21 Repeater Group 21:00		ARI DX >
14 15 16 17 18 19 20			16 17 18 19 20 21 22			Danish SSTV Contest >
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5 Swap net 19:00	6 Sloppy Code 21:00		7 Hunt. ARES 20:00	8 Whitley ARES 19:15	10	11 Hunt. ARES 20:00
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<Danish SSTV						FISTS CW Club Sprint >
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<Alessandro RTTY DX						Armed Forces Day >
<FISTS CW Club Sprint						Baltic Contest >
<Nevada QSO Party						EU Spring Sprint >
Whitley 440 Foxhunt						
Mother's Day						
19 Swap Net 19:00	20 Sloppy Code 21:00		21 Hunt. ARES 20:00	22 Whitley ARES 19:15	23	25 Hunt. ARES 20:00
<Baltic Contest			TNT 20:00	21 Repeater Group 21:00		CQ WW WPX CW >
<EU Spring Sprint CW						CQ Vikings Contest >
26 Swap Net 19:00	27 Sloppy Code 21:00		28 Hunt. ARES 20:00	29 Whitley ARES 19:15	30	31
<CQ WW WPX CW			TNT 20:00	21 Repeater Group 21:00		
<CQ Vikings Contest						
World Telecomm Day						

Check QST and CQ for Contest Times and Rules

(Times listed are in Eastern Standard Time GMT-5 hours)

[Key: > Event begins < Event ends]

NET FREQS: TNT 146.76 | Murphy Swap 146.94 | Sloppy Code 7.1405 | Huntington ARES 146.685 | Whitley ARES 444.550 w/ 146.46 simplex link (WCARC net Sunday 19:45 on same frequency)

21 Repeater Group 147.150 | Foxtrot FM/AM 29.100 SSB 28.405 | Daily Nets: Ft Wayne 6m 50.58 (simplex) 19:00 | IMO Traffic 146.88 18:30 | Auburn 147.360 18:00

Mobile Ten SSB/CW 28.400 Saturday 19:00

**PLEASE RSVP FOR THE SPRING BANQUET - CALL JEAN at 637-6426**  
Bring a covered dish - main entree and drinks will be provided by  
the Club.

**For Sale:**

- \* 6m 6 element Hygain beam, 24 foot 6 in boom \$100
- \* 10m 4 element Hygain beam, 24 foot 6 in boom vert/horiz mount \$100

Claude 219-745-7401 Please call after 6pm.



**JUNE HAMSPLATTER DEADLINE: June 7, 1996**

Do you have an interesting article, news item, or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you want to sell? If so, please contact me, Kris, KF9AW. My day phone is 487-3286, evenings 486-7324. Packet messages can be directed to me on 144.97 W9INX.

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**1996 MEMBERSHIP DATA:** (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to address below)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS: N T G A E

MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK TELEPHONE # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

SHALL WE LIST YOUR ADDR/PHONE# IN MEMBER ROSTER? Y N ARRL MEMBER? Y N

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MEMBERSHIP TERM: (JAN-DEC) (JULY-DEC; July 1-Dec 31 ONLY)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$21.00/yr      \$10.50/yr immediate family(list all calls)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/yr      \$7.50/yr licensed member

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00/yr      \$3.00/yr full-time student

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/yr      \$7.50/yr unlicensed member

YOUR CHECK NUMBER # \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH OF US!

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK (Request one from President at any Regular Club Meeting)  
Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past Club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the three-hole binder. We will be issuing a new edition in May, 1995.

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